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Mr. William F. Caton, Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M. Street NW
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Dear Mr. Caton:

This letter is in reference to a petition filed by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Petition, NSD-L-96-7 and public notice number DA 96-1190, CC Docket No. 96-159, which was released July 26, 1996. This letter more specifically relates to the Wilmington exchange, and a portion of the Scotts Hill exchange, in the Wilmington LATA and the Holly Ridge exchange in the Rocky Mountain LATA.

We understand that your Commission has received petitions from BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth) requesting that it waive LATA boundaries in certain areas of North Carolina; and further that you have solicited comments from interested parties before August 26, 1996.

We are aware that the citizens living in the area of PENDER County affected by this action have worked long and hard to achieve an expanded local calling service. This action is well supported by those citizens and they have waited for over a year for this action.

We also understand that the waiver of the LATA boundaries is supported by the North Carolina Utilities Commission who has communicated same to you.

We therefore encourage your Commission to waive the LATA boundaries in this area and allow the (329) exchange to have expanded local calling service.

Respectfully,

Robert S. Murray

Robert S. Murray, Chairman
Pender County Board of Commissioners

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COMMISSION SEEKS COMMENT ON PETITIONS FOR WAIVER OF LATA BOUNDARIES TO PROVIDE EXPANDED LOCAL CALLING SERVICE IN TEXAS AND NORTH CAROLINA

The Commission has received petitions from Southwestern Bell Telephone Company ("SWBT") and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") requesting that it waive LATA boundaries in certain areas of Texas and North Carolina, respectively. On June 25, 1996, SWBT filed a petition for waiver of certain local access and transport area ("LATA") boundaries in Texas, pursuant to Section 3(25) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 153, to provide two-way, non-optional expanded local calling service ("ELCS") to certain Texas telephone exchanges. Specifically, SWBT seeks to provide ELCS service between the following exchanges: (1) the Pawnee exchange in the Corpus Christi LATA and the Kennedy and Karnes/Fall City exchanges in the San Antonio LATA; and (2) the Albany exchange in the Abilene LATA and the Breckenridge exchange in the Dallas LATA.

On June 28, 1996, SWBT filed a petition for waiver of LATA boundaries between the Hearne, Texas LATA and the Austin, Texas, LATA. SWBT states that a waiver is necessary in order to offer integrated digital service network throughout Texas, by July 1, 1996, as required by the Texas Public Utilities Commission.

On July 2, 1996, BellSouth filed a petition requesting approval by the Commission to provide two-way non-optional extended area service between the following areas: (1) the Raleigh Exchange in the Raleigh LATA, and the Franklinton and Louisburg Exchanges in the Rocky Mountain LATA; (2) the Zebulon Exchange in the Raleigh LATA and the Louisburg Exchange in the Rocky Mountain LATA; (3) the Chapel Hill exchange in the Raleigh LATA and the Saxapahaw Exchange in the Greensboro LATA; (4) the Wilmington exchange, and a portion of the Scotts Hill exchange, in the Wilmington LATA and the Holly Ridge exchange in the Rocky Mountain LATA; and finally, (5) the Apex, Cary and Raleigh exchanges in the Raleigh LATA and the Pittsboro exchange in the Fayetteville LATA.

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Interested parties may file comments concerning this matter on or before August 26, 1996. Reply comments shall be filed on or before September 10, 1996. All filings should address each petition separately and refer to them as follows: (i) Southwestern Bell Telephone Company Petition, NSD-L-96-4; (ii) Southwestern Bell Telephone Company Petition (Hearne/Austin LATAs), NSD-L-96-6; and (iii) BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Petition, NSD-L-96-7. All comments should be sent to William F. Caton, Acting Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. Copies of documents filed with the Commission may be obtained from the International Transcription Service (ITS), 2100 M Street, N.W., Suite 140, Washington, D.C. 20037, (202) 857-3800. Documents are also available for review and copying at the FCC Reference Center, Room 239, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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